

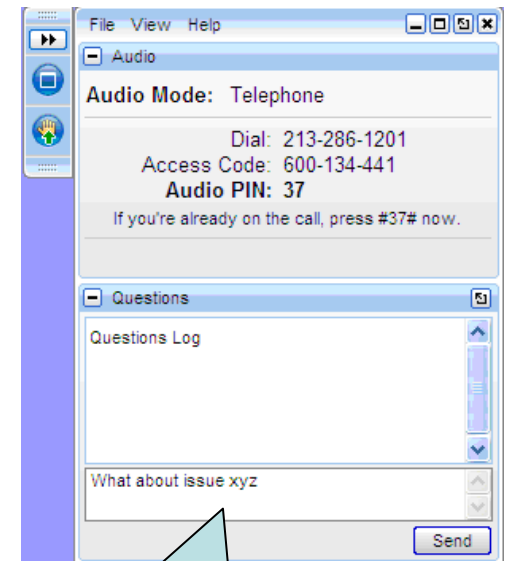
e-Manifest System Webinar #4

Practical Expectations for System Performance and Anticipated Stakeholder Benefits

June 23, 2009
1:00PM - 3:00PM EDT

Introduction

- Facilitator: Janet Pershing
- Roll call
- Last of four scheduled webinars on e-Manifest
- Ground Rules
 - Lines will be muted until the discussion period starts.
 - Type in your questions and we'll review them at the Q&A period
- To help facilitate an orderly discussion, please send a typed question or comment to the facilitator by:
 - Typing your question into the Question Pane of GoTo meeting
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Agenda

- Expectations for e-Manifest
- e-Manifest role in quality improvement
- e-Manifest role in efficiency improvement
- Concerns about e-Manifest implementation
- Next steps in the e-Manifest process

Expectations: Real-Time System

- The system will offer some real-time service
- The system could also offer off-line manifest completion with later data uploads to the system. These capabilities would address:
 - Users in locations without immediate access
 - Users that prefer to work off-line and 'batch' upload
 - Instances when the system is temporarily unavailable due to system outages
- No current expectation to allow electronic manifest use unless all handlers can participate in electronic system

Expectations: Policy Changes

- The e-Manifest system will automate the current paper manifest process
 - Submission requirements and procedures generally will remain consistent with existing regulations and will not create or require new tracking procedures for manifest completion
 - Same set of Federal RCRA and state regulated wastes eligible
 - The system will be coordinated with DOT requirements, which may allow electronic shipping papers during timeframe for e-Manifest development
 - Changes could be made to both paper and e-Manifests (e.g., more precise recording of quantities received and accepted for the purposes of more accurate reporting)
 - Accommodations may be made for biennial reporting
- The e-Manifest system will be designed flexibly to accommodate future changes in legislation, rulemakings, and technology

Expectations: Paper Manifests

- While electronic manifest use will not be mandatory, all manifests (paper and electronic) will need to be submitted to e-Manifest system
- Data from paper manifests will be keypunched or uploaded into the data system to create a single unified data system
- A fee will be assessed to process both electronic and paper manifest data. Fees will support the system over the long haul
- Integration of paper and electronic forms may not be immediate
 - Electronic management of paper manifest data may be phased in during the early part of the program
 - The most effective way to collect and process paper manifest data must be determined.
 - States or EPA might collect paper manifests
 - Industry may wish to submit data and scanned images via direct upload or by submitting hard copy.

Expectations: Phasing

- e-Manifest and Biennial Report integration is expected to take place early-on
- Other activities are expected to be phased in during later stages
 - Integration of transboundary waste tracking systems
 - Exception and discrepancy reporting
 - Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) notices

Expectations: Additional Work to Do

- EPA will continue working on a range of topics including:
 - E-Signatures
 - Confidential Business Information (CBI)
 - Coordination with DOT electronic shipping papers
 - Integration with rail systems
 - Fees

Discussion Questions

Question 1: In what ways do you expect e-Manifest to affect the **quality** of the work you do?
For example:

- What current activities will you be able to do better with e-Manifest?
- What new activities will you be able to do for the first time with e-Manifest?
- Would e-Manifest improve compliance by manifest users and, if so, how large or significant would the improvement be (e.g., for your organization)?
- Would e-Manifest improve oversight and management of hazardous waste and, if so, how large or significant would the improvement be?

Discussion Questions

Question 2: In what ways do you expect e-Manifest to affect the **efficiency** of the work you do? For example:

- What systems or programs will you be able to coordinate better with e-Manifest?
- How will e-Manifest help you be more efficient in doing your jobs and how much more efficient would you be (e.g., marginally or significantly)?

Discussion Questions

Question 3: What lingering **concerns** do you have about the effect that e-Manifest could have on your operations? How significant or pressing are these concerns (e.g., could they dissuade you from participating in the system)?

Next Steps in the e-Manifest Process

- Legislation is still required
 - A bill may be introduced in the House by the July 4th recess
 - A Senate version should be closely coordinated with the House version
- The legislation is likely to:
 - Require completion by EPA of authorizing regulations in one year
 - Provide EPA with 3 years to establish a system
 - Authorize EPA to require paper manifest users to submit manifests (or data) and pay fees for processing
 - Require a procurement process with user fee-funded contract
 - Require development of fee schedules based on projected system costs and volume of usage
 - Provide oversight through an Advisory Board to oversee system operation
 - Require regular audits and accounting for fee revenues and expenditures

Next Steps in the e-Manifest Process

EPA will:

- Consider all stakeholder input to date as the process moves forward
- Resolve issues throughout system procurement and regulation development
- Continue to work with user groups in the future

Additional Input

Please send additional comments for EPA to emanifest@icfi.com:

- Additional suggestions
 - Concerns
 - Alternate approaches
- Examples
 - How your organization expects to benefit from e-Manifest
- Estimates
 - Number of hours or dollars e-Manifest is expected to save or cost your organization
 - Specific observations about why/how e-Manifest is expected to affect your program
 - Anecdotal information to illustrate costs or savings



THANK YOU!

Your participation has been greatly
appreciated!